

AGENDA

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, July 16, 2003 • 2:30 p.m. • Room 303 State Capitol

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2003 meeting

2. Update on Drought Conditions

The Division of Water Resources will provide its monthly briefing on drought conditions in Utah.

- Larry Anderson, Director, Division of Water Resources

3. Solitude Landfill

A noncommercial Class I solid waste permit has been issued to the Solitude Landfill in Green River, Utah. Landfill Investors, owner of the Solitude Landfill, has applied for a solid waste permit to construct and operate a proposed Class V landfill in Green River, Utah. Class V landfills are commercial landfills that may receive municipal and other nonhazardous solid waste not otherwise prohibited by rule. Any new permit requires the subsequent approval of the Legislature and the Governor. The Committee will consider a joint resolution granting legislative approval of the proposal. Proponents of the proposal seek to obtain legislative approval in special session.

- Senator Tom Hatch
- Rich Studer, Landfill Investors

4. Wolves

In the 2003 General Session, the Legislature passed H.J.R. 12 which urged the DWR (Division of Wildlife Resources) to draft a wolf management plan for the review, modification, and adoption by the Utah Wildlife Board through the Regional Advisory Council process. DWR will report on the status of the proposed management plan.

- Kevin Conway, Director, Division of Wildlife Resources

5. Wild and Scenic Rivers

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was passed by Congress in 1968. The Act stated that: "certain selected rivers of the Nation, which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in the free flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations." Depending on the "type and degree of human development associated with the river and adjacent lands," eligible rivers are categorized as wild, scenic, or recreational. Congress must approve any rivers recommended by federal agencies for designation in the Wild and Scenic River System. Areas so designated or under study are withdrawn for water or power projects.

- John Harja and Randy Johnson, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
- Val Payne, Department of Natural Resources

6. Other Items / Adjourn